(c) whether the telescope is likely to assist in the search for extra terrestrial civilizations in the universe by listening to messages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The proposed telescope is meant for investigations on the frontiers of modern astronomy such as Search for neutral Hydrogen Clouds before the epoch of galaxy formation, discovery of pulsars, high resolution studies of radio galaxies and quasars, studies of the sun and the planets, etc.

(c) The telescope is not designed to assist in the search for extra terrestrial civilizations in the universe.

Boundary Disputes between States

1045. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pending with the Central Government regarding boundary disputes amongst States; and

(b) what are the details thereof and what steps Government are taking to solve them at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Boundary disputes between the following States involving territorial claims-counter-claims are pending:—

(i) Maharashtra and Karnataka;
(ii) Karnataka and Kerala;
(iii) Assam and Nagaland; and
(iv) Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

These disputes can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned and towards this end the Central Government will be glad to extend all assistance to the State Governments.

Quality Control Measures adopted by indigenous manufacturers of Computers

1046. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are encouraging indigenous manufacturers of computers to import automatic quality testing machines to ensure quality of indigenous personal computers;

(b) if so, in what way these manufacturers were maintaining quality of their products so far without the said machines;

(c) whether in the absence of the said machines the manufacturers were selling personal computers without any proper quality control; and

(d) if so, the reasons for which Government has permitted the sale of personal computers without quality control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Provisioning of the automatic equipment is cost economic if the volume of production is high. For small-volume production, substitution method of testing together with analysis and of trouble shooting, using conventional test equipment like Oscilloscope and logic analyser, were found to be sufficient. In the past only small capacities were approved and most of the units were using conventional method of testing quality control. After the announcement of new computer policy, the capacity restrictions have been removed and the turnovers are linked with the level of infrastructure proposed.

(d) Does not arise.